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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 74 public bills, H.R. 5244–5317; 14 private bills, H.R. 5318–5331; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 289–290; and H. Res. 963–970 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Pastor Wes Davis, Riverton Friends Church, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, February 6th:

*Calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya:* H. Con. Res. 283, amended, to call for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 34;

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*Extending for one year parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits:* H.R. 4848, amended, to extend for one year parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 35; and

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*Congratulating Lee Myung-Bak on his election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishing him well during his time of transition and his inauguration on February 25, 2008:* H. Res. 947, to congratulate Lee Myung-Bak on his election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishing him well during his time of transition and his inauguration on February 25, 2008, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 41.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims who lost their lives in the tornado outbreak in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

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**College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 4137, to amend and

extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a yea-and-nay vote of 354 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 40.

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Rejected the Ferguson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 216 noes, Roll No. 39.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Pursuant to section 6 of the rule, H. Res. 941 is laid upon the table.

Accepted:

George Miller (CA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that makes technical changes to the bill, as well as changes to the provisions on college costs to a more consumer friendly approach, while keeping the focus on accountability; revises the definition of the state funds that count toward meeting the State Maintenance of Effort requirement; revises a technical amendment to Pell grant funding; modifies the Cohort Default Rate provisions to provide for a transition period before the new sanctions are imposed and provides for targeted technical assistance to schools in danger of losing their federal student aid as a result of high Cohort Default Rates; provides assurances that students will be aware of lower-cost federal student aid options before turning to more expensive private loans and a means to help students avoid potentially compromising their federal aid eligibility by inadvertently relying on private student loans or borrowing excess amounts of private student loans; and includes studies;

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McKeon amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that requires the National Research Council to conduct a study of the regulations on institutions of higher education;

Pages H751–52

Hinojosa en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 110–523: No. 3, that authorizes discretion currently exercised

by the Secretary of Education to reserve for competitive grants to Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities for construction, maintenance, or renovation of campus facilities a percentage of funds appropriated for Tribal Colleges and Universities under Title III of the Higher Education Act; No. 8, that prevents interest from accruing for active duty service members and qualifying National Guard members for the duration of their activation up to 60 months when serving in a combat zone; No. 14, that makes a technical correction to the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program to clarify Congressional intent that a Masters Degree level institution or program is eligible to be the lead recipient of a grant under the GAANN program; No. 15, that prohibits a state from charging members of the armed forces who are on active duty for more than 30 days and whose domicile or permanent duty station is in such state, and such members' dependents, more than the in-state tuition for attending a public institution of higher education (IHE) in that state and provides that, even if such members' permanent duty station is subsequently changed to a location outside the state, they or their dependents must continue to be charged no more than the in-state tuition if they remain continuously emolled at such IHE in the state; and No. 20, that ensures that competitive Sustainability Planning Grants explicitly provided for "greenhouse gas emissions reductions" to reduce the threat of global warming and adds an eligibility requirement to FIPSE to ensure that institutions meet current energy efficiency standards. Additionally, includes a sense of Congress that the Federal Perkins Loan Program, which provides low-interest loans to help needy students finance a degree in higher education, should remain a campus-based aid program and to support increased funds to provide more low-income students with options;

**Pages H752–55**

Castle amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that requires the Quality Efficiency Task Forces to develop annual benchmarks for the top 5 percent of institutions in each institution category that have the largest increase in their tuition and fees over the most recent three year period in which data is available. The amendment also requires those institutions not meeting the benchmarks to provide the Secretary of Education a detailed explanation of the reasons why the institution did not meet such benchmarks;

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Sestak amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that includes physical therapists as an occupation defined as an area of national need to qualify for student loan forgiveness under Sec. 428K of the Higher Education Act;

**Pages H760–61**

Sestak amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that amends the articulation agreement strategies that may be employed by states and institutions of higher education to include management systems regarding course equivalency, transfer of credit, and articulation;

**Pages H761–62**

Yarmuth amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that provides competitive Teach to Reach grants to eligible partnerships to provide general education teacher candidates with the knowledge and skills to effectively instruct students with disabilities in their classrooms. Eligible partnerships must include an institution of higher education, a special education department within that institution, and a high-need local education agency;

**Pages H762–63**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that authorizes a nationwide pilot program through the Department of Education to promote holistic community-centered partnerships aimed at mitigating gang violence and reducing recidivism rates among juvenile ex-offenders previously detained for gang-related offenses;

**Pages H763–65**

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that requires annual reporting by colleges and universities on how much of their endowment was paid out each year for the purpose of containing college costs;

**Pages H765–66**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that expands Pell Grant eligibility to children who lost a parent or guardian as a result of the conflicts in Iraq or Afghanistan. These children will be eligible for the maximum amount of Pell Grant assistance;

**Pages H766–67**

Stupak amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that provides federal student loan relief to borrowers who go into school administration in low-income school districts. Applies to any borrower who has been employed as a full-time school superintendent, principal, or other administrator for five consecutive complete school years in a school district in a low-income area;

**Pages H767–68**

Doggett amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that encourages the prepopulation of FAFSA income and asset information, by taxpayer consent, with tax data provided directly from the IRS to the Department of Education, and allows the Secretary of Education to provide for the use of second preceding tax year information;

**Pages H768–69**

Baird amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that directs the Secretary of Education to conduct a study on the costs and benefits of making student aid available to less than half-time students. The Secretary would then make recommendations on

how to best design a demonstration loan program targeted for less than half-time students;

**Pages H769–70**

Crowley amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that allows community college students to have \$10 forgiven from their student loans for every hour they dedicate to mentoring an at-risk child;

**Pages H770–71**

Cooper amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that increases the authorization level, from \$300 million to \$500 million, for the 103 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Increases the authorization level, from \$100 million to \$125 million, for the 18 Historically Black Graduate Institutions;

**Pages H771–72**

Ryan (OH) amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that creates a pilot competitive grant program (available to no more than 10 colleges) to assist institutions of higher education in setting up college textbook rental programs;

**Pages H772–73**

Van Hollen amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that authorizes Teach for America at \$20 million for FY09 and \$25 million for FY10;

**Pages H773–75**

Gillibrand amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that provides that institutions of Higher Education shall adopt a statement of current policy concerning the working relationship of campus security personnel with State and local law enforcement agencies for the investigation of felonies or a report of a missing student;

**Pages H775–76**

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that helps students and families plan financially for higher education by requiring that colleges provide information about the anticipated cost of a post-secondary degree. Institutions would have the option of offering either a multi-year tuition and fee schedule or a traditional, single-year tuition and fee schedule with a nonbinding, multi-year estimate of a student's net costs;

**Pages H776–77**

Shuler amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that authorizes a competitive grant program through the Department of Education that would allow institutions of higher education or consortia to create longitudinal data systems to efficiently and accurately manage, analyze, disaggregate, and use individual student data. The amendment authorizes programs in no more than five states for a period of three years;

**Pages H777–78**

Petri amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that requires the existing Education-Treasury Study Group to evaluate the feasibility of an alternative market-based reform to the Federal Family Education Loan Program. The recommended alternative should reduce federal costs to taxpayers and

use savings to increase need-based grant aid to low-income students (by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 36); and

**Pages H755–56, H778**

Petri amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that extends the new audit and reporting provisions applied only to the Direct Loan program to the Federal Family Education Loan Program (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 37).

**Pages H756–58, H778–79**

Rejected:

Davis (IL) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–523) that sought to restore protections to private student loan borrowers similar to those afforded other unsecured debtors by allowing the discharge of private student loans via bankruptcy (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 38).

**Pages H758–60, H779–80**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 956, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 33, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 32.

**Pages H628–40**

**Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008—Order of Business:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time to take from the Speaker's table the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits, with a Senate amendment thereto, and without intervention of any point of order, consider a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to agree to the Senate amendment; that the Senate amendment and the motion be considered as read; that the motion shall be debatable for forty minutes, equally divided and controlled; and that the previous question on the motion be considered as ordered to its adoption without intervening motion.

**Pages H784–93**

**Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008:** The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits, by a yea-and-nay vote of 380 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 42—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro

tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 12, 2008. **Page H793**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 13th. **Page H795**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12th for morning hour debate. **Page H795**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H625, H783, H795.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2457 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H810**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H638–39, H639, H640, H641, H778, H778–79, H779, H781–82, H782–83, H783, H793. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICE ACT**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the National Veterinary Medical Service Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Kingston; Gale Buchanan, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA; and a public witness.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on DOD Force Health Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ward Cascells, M.D., Under Secretary, Health Affairs; and Ellen Embrey, Under Secretary, Force Health Protection.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session on the Surgeon Generals of the Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VADM Adam M. Robinson, Jr., M.D., USN.; LTG James G. Roudebush, M.D., USAF; and LTG Eric B. Schoomaker, M.D., USA.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a

hearing on Department of Interior, Overview. Testimony was heard from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

### **CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terri Rouse, CEO for Visitor Services, and Bernie Ungar, Project Executive, both with the Capitol Visitor Center; and Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kenneth O. Preston, SGM, USA.; Joe R. Campa, Jr., Master Chief Petty Officer, USN.; Carlton W. Kent, MSgt., USMC, and Rodney J. McKinley, CMSgt., USAF.

### **TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Transportation Fiscal Year Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Mary Peters, Secretary of Transportation.

### **BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY OVERVIEW**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on beneficiary advocacy overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jim Nussle, Director, OMB.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S FY BUDGET PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled "Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Proposal." Testimony was heard from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

### **HOLOCAUST INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "The Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007 (H.R. 1746): Holocaust Era Insurance Restitution After ICHEIC, the International Commission on